

September 16, 2002

Public Notice for 401 Water Quality Certification

**Schneider Stream Corridor Restoration Project
WDID No. 1A02146WNTR**

Trinity County

On August 26, 2002, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Trinity County requesting Federal Clean Water Act, Section 401, Certification for the Schneider Stream Corridor Restoration Project. The application was deemed complete on September 11, 2002. The proposed project causes disturbances to waters of the United States associated with Schneider Stream and the South Fork Trinity River (SFTR) Hydrologic Unit No. 106.20.

The proposed project is located 60 miles southwest of Weaverville, California in the Hyampom Valley, in the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 14, and Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 6 East, MDB&M. The landowners are experiencing streambank erosion that has put their homes and outbuildings at risk. The project will be conducted under the authority of the Natural Resources Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Protection Program.

The proposed project involves the installation of five rock barbs along 1,000 feet of streambank at the flow line of the SFTR. Rock size ranges from one to four feet in diameter. Woody plantings will be installed downstream from the project site and between each rock barb. A silt fence will be constructed on-site to capture sediment that may be released during construction. Any silt collected will be deposited off-site upon completion of the project.

Approximately 1,000 feet of streambank will be permanently impacted by this project. Compensatory mitigation for this project involves revegetation downstream from the project site. Noncompensatory mitigation measures include the use of Best Management Practices and the installation of a silt fence.

Trinity County, as the lead California Environmental Quality Act agency, has determined that this project qualifies as an Emergency Project under Statutory Exemption Section 15269 (b) and (c).

The nearest receiving waters are Schneider Creek located in the South Fork Trinity River Hydrologic Unit No. 106.20.

The restoration project is scheduled to begin in September 2002 and end in October 18, 2002. Staff is proposing to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341). In addition, staff will consider all comments received during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact staff member Roy O'Connor at (707) 576-2670, or at ocnr@rbl.swrcb.ca.gov within 21 days of the posting of this notice.